S.Ct. 01-2078

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE:

HON. ROBERT H. BONANNO

## REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

The Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission ("FJQC"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby requests oral argument on the Report and Recommendation submitted and, as grounds therefore states as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Article V, section 12(a)(1), Florida Constitution, the FJQC is vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida, the appropriate discipline of any judicial officer, including, but not limited to removal from office.
- 2. The Supreme Court receives such recommendations, and is empowered to accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part the findings or recommendations of the Commission. Fla. Const. art V, \$12(c).
- 3. When recommendations are submitted following a contested hearing, the Court ordinarily sets the case down for oral argument. There are those cases in which a proposed settlement is reached where the Court may have questions concerning the report and recommendations. In such event, FJQC submits that oral argument based on stipulated findings of fact and a separate recommendation may be of equal benefit to all concerned.

WHEREFORE, the FJQC will, in all cases, request oral argument to the extent it may benefit the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail this day of October, 2001 to:

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